



MINUTES

North Carolina Aeronautics Council

November 17, 2009

10:30 A.M.

Raleigh, NC

The November 17, 2009 Aeronautics Council meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Chairman Carter Keller at the Division of Aviation office in Raleigh, NC.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Carter Keller, Chairman
David Barker
Brian Campbell
Jim Heavner
Henry Isaacson
M. W. Mullinix, Sr.
Joe Randall, Vice Chairman
Bill Reese
Doreen Richter
Jim Shaw
Larry Wagner
Jay Wyatt

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT

Melvin Daniels, Jr.
Cress Horne

AVIATION STAFF PRESENT

Richard Walls, Director of Aviation
Ted Alman
Rick Barkes
Shirley Pearce-Rowley
Nancy Seigler
Dave Thomas
Dion Viventi
Bobby Walston

NCDOT

Gene Conti, Secretary of Transportation
Jim Westmoreland, Deputy Secretary of Transit
Charlie Grady, Special Assistant to the Secretary
Katie Warner, NCDOT Photographer
Jerry Higgins, Public Communications Officer

GUESTS

Lee Hester, Lumberton Airport
Jeff Lynn, Lincoln-Lincolnton County Regional Airport Manager
George Wood, Lincoln County Manager

The November meeting was called to order by Chairman Keller. He welcomed and thanked all for attending the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Keller asked for a motion for approval of the October 20th meeting minutes. A motion was made by Council member Bill Reese and motion seconded by Council member David Barker. Council member Jim Shaw moved for approval and Council member Jim Heavner seconded the approval. The Aeronautics Council unanimously approved the minutes of the October meeting.

Business

- **Lincolnton-Lincoln County Regional Airport**

Chairman Keller introduced Jeff Lynn, Manager of the Airport. Mr. Lynn thanked Bill Reese for inviting him to come and speak to the Council on the Airport and talk about the new terminal building. He also congratulated Bill Reese on his appointment to the Aeronautics Council, replacing former member Jack Dellinger. He stated that Mr. Reese has a world of knowledge in aviation and will represent the Council greatly by having that knowledge. He also spoke of former Council member Jack Dellinger and his health, asking that all Council members and aviation staff remember Jack in their prayers. Mr. Lynn thanked Mr. Dellinger for all his help in getting the new terminal building. He stated that the old terminal building would be rented out. It is anticipated that the grand opening event for the new terminal building will take place in February 2010. The new building cost was estimated at \$1.3 million. Mr. Reese stated that Airport Road would be changed to Jack Dellinger Road. Lincoln County Airport was opened in 1986 and was the first business class airport and reliever airport for Charlotte. He reported that the local donation of funding was around \$81,000. The donators were mostly people who used the airport. Duke Energy donated a big portion of the money. The other funding money was State, Federal and local matched.

- **Board of Transportation Sub Committee Report**

Director Walls reported that the committee did hold a meeting in November. Funding was discussed. He reported that the Chairman of the committee was leaving and is now seeking a replacement.

- **Aeronautics Council Meeting Schedule**

The scheduled December 15th meeting date was discussed. Keeping with the tradition of being able to attend the Wright Brothers celebration on the 17th, the Council agreed to change the meeting date to December 16th to give the interested Council members and aviation staff the privilege to attend the celebration events on the 17th. It was unanimously agreed and approved by the Council that the December meeting would be held on December 16th in Manteo. The motion was made by Council member Henry Isaacson and seconded by Council member Jim Shaw. Those attending the celebration on the 17th would be permitted to stay overnight at the state rate allowance.

Council member David Barker made a recommendation to the Council to consider meeting every other month rather than meeting every month, unless there is a cause to call a meeting. After a discussion, it was decided and agreed to schedule meetings for the following months:

February 16 - Winston-Salem	April 20 - Raleigh
June 15 - Lincolnton	August 17 - Raleigh
September 21 - Raleigh	October 19 - Raleigh
December 16 - Manteo	

The motion was made by Council member David Barker and seconded by Council member Bill Reese. Agreement and approval by the Council was unanimous. Meeting dates and locations are subject to change if necessary.

- **NC DOT – DOA Green Initiative**

Director Walls provided a brief video on Multimodal Presentation Committee. He talked about the changes being made at the RDU Airport, using LED Lights, the LED lighting system and the changing of the power watts. Discussion followed his presentation.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Director walls discussed the recent dedication of the Ocracoke Island Heliport at the Ocracoke Island Airstrip. The helipad will be used for Emergency Service and by the U.S. Marines and the "Osprey" aircraft that can accommodate larger numbers of patients in emergency situations. The Marines also use the facility for island evacuation training. A new

LED heliport lighting system consisting of approach/departure lighting, in-pavement flush-mount helipad lights and flood lights was installed.

- “Family Day” event in Sanford was talked about and how successfully the event turned out.

NCDOT Secretary, Gene Conti and Deputy Secretary of Transit, Jim Westmoreland were introduced. Secretary Conti spoke briefly. He is looking forward to working with the Council and Aviation Director Walls. He reported that Governor Perdue has changed the DOT Board to a Policy Board and talked about the changes being made.

Jim Heavner expressed his thoughts on general aviation and how he feels it is so misunderstood, and the need for statewide aviation education, especially the role of general aviation in the state. A discussion followed on opportunities available to educate the local communities on aviation.

Deputy Secretary Jim Westmoreland spoke about general aviation infrastructures and opportunities advising each Council member to spread the message starting with their local community and spend the time with their congressional officials. Jim also talked about his visit to Elizabeth City University with Director Walls and opportunities to get connected with Universities. Director Walls stated he is willing to give a presentation at any community.

Swearing-In Ceremony of New Members

Judge Linda McGee presided over the swearing-In Ceremony of the three new Council members appointed by Governor Perdue. James Heavner, James Shaw and William Reese.

Adjournment of the November 17th, 2009 Council meeting was 12:30 p.m.

Carter Keller, Chairman

Date

Doreen Richter, Secretary

Date